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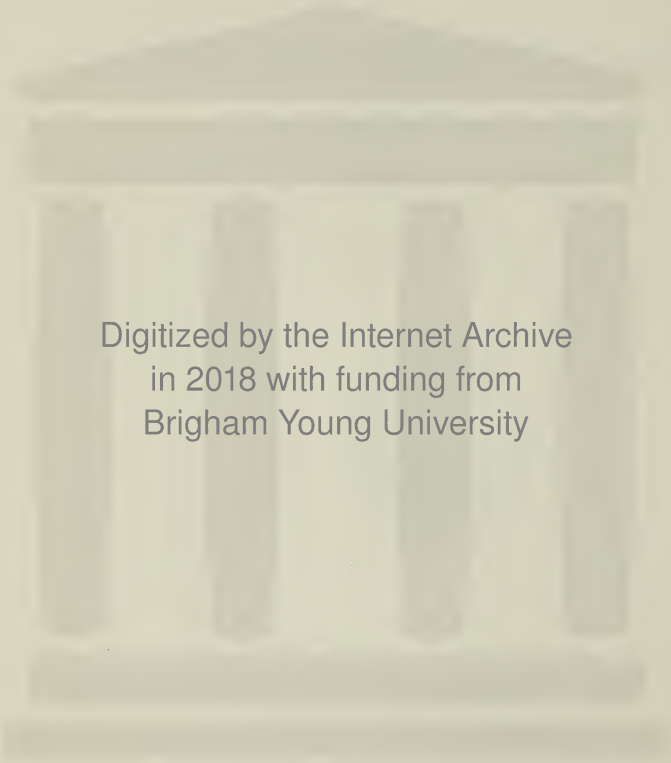
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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

*To the Hon. Jacob A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota.*

SIR: The Minnesota Historical Society has the honor to submit herewith its twenty-second biennial report for the two years ending December 31, 1922.

Very respectfully yours,

SOLON J. BUCK,  
*Superintendent and Secretary*

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA



## TWENTY-SECOND BIENNIAL REPORT

The most notable characteristic of the progress of the Minnesota Historical Society during the biennium 1921-22 has been the establishment of contacts with and the performing of direct services for a much larger proportion of the people of the state than ever before. That this has been the case with nearly every one of the varied activities of the society will appear in the course of this report. The explanation lies not so much in the efforts of the society itself as in the evident awakening and development of an interest in and an appreciation of the value of history and especially of the history of our own state. Minnesota has now reached the stage of comparative stability of her citizenry; and people with two or more generations of Minnesota ancestors naturally have a greater personal interest in the history of the state than those whose family trail leads promptly back to Ohio, or New York, or Maine, or to some foreign country. It may fairly be expected, therefore, that before many more years have elapsed interest in state history will be as keen and as widespread in Minnesota as it has been for several generations in such older states, for example, as Massachusetts and Virginia. In part also, this increased interest in history appears to be a result of the World War. That tremendous upheaval started multitudes of people on a search for the causes of present-day events and conditions, and they soon discovered that a knowledge of the past is the only key to an understanding of the present. But, if this is true for the world at large, it is equally true for our own state, and the people of Minnesota are beginning to realize that fact.

### MEETINGS

The annual meetings of the society in January were more extensive affairs in 1921 and 1922 than had hitherto been

attempted. A whole day was devoted to the meeting in both years, with sessions in the forenoon, afternoon, and evening. Probably as a result of this expansion there was a gratifying increase in the attendance, especially of members from outside the Twin Cities. A feature of both of these meetings was a Conference on Local History Work, which aroused interest in a movement for the organization of county historical societies and the correlation of all historical work in the state. A subscription dinner in honor of Dr. Folwell and in celebration of the completion of the first volume of his *History of Minnesota* held at the 1921 meeting was a notable event. The attendance numbered about two hundred—all that could be accommodated—and the toasts were very enjoyable. Public sessions were also held in connection with the stated meetings of the council in April and October of each year.

The most notable meeting of the biennium, however, was the summer meeting or State Historical Convention held at Duluth on July 28 and 29, 1922. As this was the first meeting of the society ever held outside the Twin Cities, it was somewhat of an experiment, but the attendance and interest were all that could be expected, and even more. The registration was 181, and at least fifty attended one or more of the sessions who did not register. The attendance of seventy from outside Duluth shows that a considerable number of people in Minnesota are sufficiently interested in history and in the society to travel some distance to attend an historical convention under its auspices. The attractive program which was prepared doubtless helped to draw members and their friends to Duluth. Some of the papers and addresses were valuable contributions to Minnesota history, the conferences and discussions were suggestive and stimulating, and the entertainment provided by the Duluth people was very enjoyable. It was the consensus of opinion of those in attendance at the meeting that it was a success in every way, and that similar summer meetings should be held annually in different parts of the state.

As accounts of all these meetings and some of the papers read at them are published in the *Minnesota History Bulletin*, further consideration of them is unnecessary here. It should be noted, however, that, so far as meetings are concerned, many more people came in contact with the activities of the society in 1921 and 1922 than ever before.

## MEMBERSHIP

The number of members of the respective classes at the beginning, the middle, and the end of the biennium is indicated by the following table. The figures are for December 31 of the years indicated. The discrepancy between the figures for 1920 as given here and those printed in the *Twenty-first Biennial Report* (page 9) is due to the later discovery of the death, prior to December, 1920, of members whose names were carried on the rolls at that date.

	1920	1921	1922
Total .....	535	796	1,079
Honorary .....	15	14	14
Corresponding .....	60	66	63
Active .....	460	714	999
Patrons .....		3	3
Contributing-life .....		8	10
Life .....	299	329	356
Sustaining .....	37	75	129
Annual .....	124	299	501
Institutional .....		2	3
Permanent .....		1	2
Sustaining .....		1	1

Six corresponding members were elected in 1921. One honorary member died in 1921 and three corresponding members in 1922. The following table shows the changes in active membership during the biennium.

	1921	1922	Total
Net gain.....	254	285	539
Total gain.....	284	319	603
Enrolled .....	281	319	600
Reinstated .....	3		3
Total loss.....	30	34	64
Died .....	16	16	32
Dropped .....	14	18	32

From the above statistics it will appear that over twice as many people are in contact with the society through membership at the end of the biennium as were at the beginning. This has been brought about in part through a membership campaign which was conducted in the summer and fall of 1921. Various methods of bringing the society to the attention of prospective members were tried, and the most successful were those which involved the coöperation of the people who were already members. This systematic campaign was not kept up during 1922 because of the pressure of other work, but the movement went on of its own momentum, and the goal of one thousand active members which was set at the beginning of the campaign was reached at the end of the biennium. It is clear, however, that the membership of the society has not anywhere near reached the saturation point as yet. The fact that individual members have been able in a number of cases to add the names of more than twenty of their neighbors and acquaintances to the rolls is an indication of what is possible. In 1924 the society will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary. With a little teamwork it ought to be possible to double the membership again by that time; and, when the society has two thousand active members, the goal of ten thousand, which was suggested in an editorial in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* of January 7, 1923, will not appear impossible of attainment.

In April, 1921, the council amended the by-laws to provide for two new classes of active members; patrons, who contribute one thousand dollars or more to the permanent funds of the society or make annual payments of fifty dollars or more,

and contributing-life members, who, having become life members, continue to make annual payments of not less than five dollars. Provision was also made for institutional memberships, open to "any club, society, or association in Minnesota interested in any phase of the history of the state or any part of the state," and these were divided into the three classes of permanent, sustaining, and annual institutional membership. No special effort has been made as yet to push these new classes of membership, beyond sending a single form letter to all life members explaining the new classes open to them, but the society now has three patrons, ten contributing-life members, two permanent institutional members, and one sustaining institutional member. It is believed that many more life members will transfer to the new classes and that many more organizations will enroll as institutional members as soon as it is possible to conduct campaigns to that end. The annual institutional membership is expected to serve as a means of affiliating local historical societies with the state society. There are only a few such societies in Minnesota at the present time, but two new ones have been established during the biennium, and the indications are that several more will be started in the near future. If this movement is encouraged and properly directed, the time may come before many years elapse when most of the counties of the state will have active historical societies affiliated with the state society and coöperating with it in the work of preserving the materials for and recording the facts of Minnesota history.<sup>1</sup>

### THE STAFF

The greatest need of the society at the present time is for an increase in its staff of workers, especially in the library and the research and editorial division. The sum authorized for maintenance by the last legislature, which is the only part of the

<sup>1</sup>See the appendix, *post*, for a list of the members of the society, revised to March 1, 1923.



state appropriation that can be drawn upon for regular salaries, was only a little more than was already being expended, and that increase was absorbed by increases in salaries which were necessary in order to secure or retain the services of competent people. Although inadequate in number for the work to be done, the present staff is exceptionally competent; and, as the salaries are more reasonable than those paid in the past, it is hoped that the period of adjustment is over and more stable conditions will prevail.

Changes in the staff during the biennium involved some of the more important positions. Mr. R. W. G. Vail resigned as librarian in June, 1921, and Miss Wilhelmina Carothers, the head cataloguer, was promoted to fill the vacancy. Miss Carothers resigned in October, 1922, and was succeeded by Miss Gertrude Krausnick. Miss Elizabeth Clark was appointed head cataloguer in August, 1921, and the position of first assistant in the catalogue department, after having been vacant for more than six months, was filled in October, 1921, by the appointment of Miss Clara Penfield. Dr. Grace Lee Nute was appointed curator of manuscripts in September, 1921, in the place of Miss Ethel Virtue, resigned; and Mr. Jacob Hodnefield was appointed head of the accessions department of the library in August, 1921. Mr. Cecil Shirk served as field secretary, a half-time position provided for out of the private funds of the society, from July, 1921, to September, 1922. The increased income of the society from memberships and the sale of publications has made possible the establishment of the position of assistant superintendent, which was filled by the appointment of Mr. Theodore C. Blegen, who took up the work on September first. Mr. Blegen has been professor of history at Hamline University and will continue to do some teaching there, devoting about two-thirds of his time, however, to the work of the society. In September, 1922, Mr. William E. Culkin of Duluth was appointed field agent on a half-time basis. This is a temporary arrangement designed to promote a membership campaign and interest in historical work gen-

erally in St. Louis County and northern Minnesota. Mr. Culkin has his office in the courthouse at Duluth and has already brought about the organization of a county historical society which is to be affiliated with the state society as an institutional member.

The following is the regular staff of the society at the end of the biennium. The salaries of those whose names are marked with an asterisk are paid out of the private income of the society.

Solon J. Buck, *Superintendent*

\*Theodore C. Blegen, *Assistant Superintendent*

Warren Upham, *Archeologist*

\*Willoughby M. Babcock, Jr., *Curator of the Museum*

\*Grace Lee Nute, *Curator of Manuscripts*

Mary E. Palmes, *Chief Clerk*

John Talman, *Newspaper Librarian*

\*Mary E. Wheelhouse, *Editorial Assistant*

Bertha L. Heilbron, *Research Assistant*

Olive J. Clark, *Museum Assistant*

Marie N. V. Pearson, *Stenographer*

#### Main Library

Gertrude Krausnick, *Librarian*

Elizabeth K. Clark, *Head Cataloguer*

Jacob Hodnefield, *Head of the Accessions Department*

Clara M. Penfield, *Cataloguer*

Hazel E. Ohman, *Reference Assistant*

Irene Bulov, *Catalogue Clerk*

Ruth Houle, *Catalogue Typist*

#### PUBLICATIONS

The most important publication of the society during the biennium was the first volume of Dr. Folwell's *History of Minnesota* (xxii, 533 p., 17 maps and illustrations), distribution of which began in December, 1921. This book has been very favorably received by students of history throughout the country and the reviewers have as a rule given it high praise.

Both in appearance and in content it measures up to the standard which the society ought to set for its publications. The rapid disposition of the first printing made it apparent that the two thousand copies would soon be exhausted; but, fortunately, the type had been held by the printer for a few months, and arrangements were made for a second printing of one thousand copies. At the suggestion of several members of the society who wanted copies of the work in a better dress than that of the regular edition, provision was made for binding up two hundred uncut copies in three-quarters leather. These copies differ further from the regular edition in that each is numbered, is autographed by the author, and contains as an extra illustration a portrait of Father Hennepin from a painting presented to the society by Mrs. James J. Hill. An extra charge of five dollars is made for these copies, with the understanding that all profits therefrom be used to provide Dr. Folwell with assistance to expedite the work on the remaining volumes of the history. All but a few of the copies of this special edition have been disposed of, and it is believed that these books will in the future be much sought after by collectors.

The society's quarterly magazine, the *Minnesota History Bulletin*, has been the victim of regrettable circumstances and is now about a year behind the nominal dates of publication. This situation originated in the previous biennium, when the drop in the purchasing power of the dollar made the society's income utterly inadequate for the work that was being attempted; and the necessity of concentrating effort on Dr. Folwell's history, together with the increasing number of requests for information on all sorts of subjects, which have been handled by the research and editorial division, made it impossible to catch up. The issues for 1921 have been brought out in two double numbers and those for 1922 will be treated in the same way. The editing of the magazine will now be taken over by Mr. Blegen, and it is expected that he will be able to bring it up to date before long. The present plan is

to bring out the number for February, 1923, which starts a new volume, and the succeeding numbers on time, without waiting for the appearance of the back numbers. Most of the copy for these has been prepared, however, and they ought to be ready for distribution in a few months. The editorial work on the second volume of Dr. Folwell's history also has not progressed as rapidly as was expected. It is now thought, however, that the entire manuscript will be ready for the printer in a couple of months and that the volume will be distributed in the summer. If no unforeseen difficulties are encountered, the remaining two volumes of the work will appear at intervals of about a year.

The only other publications during the biennium were the *Twenty-first Biennial Report* (96 p.) and a second edition of the society's *Handbook* (46 p.). By changes in type size and by eliminating some of the matter usually included, the number of pages of the *Biennial Report* was reduced, as compared with the previous report; and this, together with the limitation of the edition to the minimum number of copies that would serve immediate purposes, effected a considerable saving. The first edition of the *Handbook*, issued in May, 1920, was exhausted in about a year; so the pamphlet was revised, brought up to date, and reprinted in a larger edition in August, 1921. It has proved a valuable means of spreading information about the society, and has been especially useful in the membership campaign. Copy for a handbook of the manuscript division, which will help to make known the extent and value of the society's collection of manuscripts, has been prepared by the curator. This will be printed in the near future and it is hoped that it may be followed by special handbooks dealing with other collections and activities of the society.

In the past the society made a practice of sending its magazine free of charge to most of the public libraries of the state, but copies of the *Collections* and other publications were not so sent, and few libraries acquired sets. In the belief that this material might be of great value in local libraries and that,



if something were paid for it, it would be less likely to be stowed away with "public documents," an offer was made in 1921 to accept from the public and school libraries of the state subscriptions to all the current publications of the society on the same terms as those of annual membership for individuals. About one hundred such libraries have already taken advantage of this offer and it is certain that many more will be enrolled as soon as time can be found to bring the matter again to the attention of librarians and superintendents. To many of these institutions, copies of those back publications of which a surplus stock is available have been supplied upon request, some of them free of cost and others at approximately the cost of binding. This placing of the publications of the society in school and public libraries which actually want them has undoubtedly increased the acquaintance with and use of them by the people of the state. In a number of schools they are used regularly, especially the Folwell history, in connection with class work.<sup>2</sup>

The phase of the society's activities which suffers most in comparison with the work of similar agencies in the neighboring states of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa, and in the East, from the standpoint of quantity at least, is its research and publication work. It should be noted, however, that the agencies referred to have much larger sums available for this work than has this society. Most of them have published or are publishing extensive series of volumes of "Collections" or "Records" or "Archives" designed to include the important source material for the history of the state. The day will come, sometime, when the people of Minnesota, as represented in their legislature, will desire the publication on an extensive scale of the sources of Minnesota history, in order that their preservation may be assured and that they may be available to students of history all over the world. When that day comes it will be found that the Minnesota Historical Society

<sup>2</sup>See the appendix, *post*, for a list of subscribing schools and libraries, revised to March 1, 1923.



has prepared for it by assembling and preserving most of the material needed for such publication.

### THE LIBRARY

The number of books, pamphlets, and bound volumes of newspapers in the society's library is estimated at 150,312, a net increase for the biennium of 11,004. Of these, 112,592 have been accessioned; and the material as yet unaccessioned, consisting mainly of pamphlets, is estimated at 35,020. This estimate does not include, however, the large quantities of miscellany—pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, handbills, programs, and clippings—which are being roughly classified and catalogued by groups and will probably never be accessioned and individually catalogued. The accessions of 1921 were 7,107 items and those of 1922 numbered 4,115, making a total of 11,222. The discrepancy between this figure and that of the net increase given above is due to the fact that 218 previously accessioned items, mostly duplicates, were withdrawn from the library during the biennium.

The classification of the accessions on the basis of method of acquisition is shown in the following table. The "gift and deposit" group includes United States documents received on deposit from the government; most of the newspapers, which are contributed by the publishers but are bound by the society; and, for 1921, 3,675 items from the library of the Swedish Historical Society of America, on permanent deposit.

	1921		1922	
	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Total .....	7,107	100	4,115	100
Purchase .....	359	5	1,181	29
Exchange .....	495	7	392	9
Gift and deposit.....	6,253	88	2,542	62

The total of accessions for the biennium is an increase of 2,259 over those of the previous two years, but considerably more than this number of items were received in a single lot.

The increase in the number of purchases for 1922 as compared with 1921 does not indicate exceptionally large purchases in 1922 but rather an approach to normal after the very lean years which preceded, and it was made possible by the increased appropriation for the current fiscal biennium. The purchases of 1922 are less than those of 1918, however, and represent very little filling in of the gaps left during the intervening years. It is becoming increasingly apparent that more money will have to be spent for books if the present scope of the library is to be maintained—and it has already been considerably restricted from what it was ten years ago. The prices of current books have not been reduced to any appreciable extent and the output in the society's fields of collection is constantly increasing, while the prices of secondhand books are advancing by leaps and bounds.

The library is now one of the strongest in the West in the field of rare and valuable Americana. In the past, when the other demands upon the resources of the society were small and the amount of publication in this field was very much less than it is now, much of the important Americana was purchased when it came out or at least as soon as it appeared in the secondhand market. The advantages of this policy have been illustrated recently by the auction sales in New York of several large collections of rare books relating to the West. When the catalogues of these sales were checked, many items that brought prices ranging from one hundred to five hundred dollars were found to be duplicated in the society's library, some of them having been purchased years ago for as little as fifty cents and many others having been received as gifts.<sup>3</sup> The economy of acquiring desirable books privately printed in small editions before the prices go up is obvious, but this procedure requires much more money than it did twenty years ago, in spite of the fact that many such items are secured as gifts from the authors.

<sup>3</sup>For a list of some of these rare books and pamphlets in the society's library, see the appendix, *post*.

The most important single addition to the library during the biennium is the collection of the Swedish Historical Society of America, which was received on permanent deposit in March, 1921. This collection, which had previously been housed at Evanston and then at Rock Island, Illinois, together with the Nelson and Bothne collections and similar material accumulated in various ways during recent years, makes the library unquestionably the strongest in the world in the field of Scandinavian-American history. This is a goal which was set eight years ago, but it has been reached much sooner than was then anticipated. Great credit is due Professor A. A. Stomberg, the president of the Swedish Historical Society of America, for the skill and broadmindedness with which he handled the negotiations resulting in the transfer of this library to Minnesota and its deposit on very satisfactory terms. Another very important accession of the year is the gift by the Minnesota diocese of the Protestant Episcopal church and the Reverend George C. Tanner, former registrar of the diocese, of a very large collection of books, pamphlets, and files of periodicals and papers. This includes fairly complete files of the journals of nearly every diocese of the church in the United States and should make the library a center for the study of the history of that organization.

The binding of the newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, and other unbound material in the library has been a problem of unusual difficulty during the biennium because so much of it was left undone during the preceding years on account of lack of funds and excessive charges for the work. Since July 1, 1921, more money has been available and most of the current binding has been put through; but, unless the rate of progress can be accelerated, it will take many years to catch up; and this will require not only more money for the actual binding but also more assistance for the preliminary work of assembling, arranging, and checking the material. The work of checking, listing, and disposing of the great accumulations of duplicates is also hampered by lack of assistants. Some

progress has been made, however, and considerable valuable material for the library has been received in exchange for duplicates.

The catalogue department of a large library usually suffers the most when the staff of the institution is too small to meet the demands upon it. Incoming material must be sorted and accessioned or duplication and unutterable confusion results, and the wants of readers and of inquirers by mail, telephone, and even telegraph must be attended to; but cataloguing can be postponed, although the result in the end is to increase the amount of time required for the work. The department as at present constituted is very efficient but it is not large enough to care for the current work, to say nothing of the vast accumulations of uncatalogued material; and during the past two years about one third of the time of its members has been required for service in the reading room or for helping the accessions department check in new material. As a consequence the cataloguing, which is the real key to any great collection of books, is falling farther and farther behind. The total number of volumes catalogued, 6,501, is about the same as the corresponding figure for the preceding biennium, but it is about six hundred less than the number of volumes accessioned. The following table presents the statistics of the work of the catalogue department for the biennium.

	1921	1922	Totals
Works classified.....	1,038	1,565	2,603
Titles catalogued .....	2,610	2,181	4,791
Volumes catalogued .....	3,748	2,753	6,501
Cards added.....	12,396	11,594	23,990
Public catalogue .....	9,644	7,707	17,351
Official catalogue.....	1,508	2,059	3,567
Shelf-list records.....	1,215	1,745	2,960
Special lists .....	29	83	112

One field in which important progress has been made is that of the library's valuable collection of maps, which has



hitherto been practically unavailable for use. Dr. Upham devoted much of his time during the last six months of 1921 to the work of bringing this collection into an orderly arrangement and compiling detailed descriptions of each map for use in making cards for the catalogue. About 1,700 maps have been handled, of which 347 proved to be duplicates, and the work has been done very carefully and thoroughly. Considerable more work remains to be done, however, before the collection will be adequately catalogued, and suitable filing equipment will have to be procured before the maps will be readily accessible. The project of making a detailed inventory and catalogue of the newspaper collection has made no progress during the biennium for lack of assistants. Plans are under consideration, however, for completing this work in connection with the compilation of a bibliography of Minnesota newspapers, which, it is hoped, may be undertaken with the coöperation of the graduate school of the University of Minnesota.

The people of Minnesota have discovered the library of the society. In the last biennial report attention was called to the fact that the use of the library had doubled in two years and the opinion was expressed that the increase would continue "though probably not at so rapid a rate." As a matter of fact, the rate of increase has been accelerated. The number of books served to readers in the main reading room rose from less than 6,000 in 1919 to 10,000 in 1920, to 17,000 in 1921, and to 31,000 in 1922. This is exclusive of the use of books on the open shelves in the reading room, or in the stacks by readers who have stack privileges, or by members of the staff for research and reference work. To expect adequate service on any such scale as this from one assistant and a part-time page is obviously absurd, yet that is the size of the staff regularly assigned to the reading room at present.

Another serious problem which is confronting the society is that of shelving for the increasing accumulations of books, newspaper files, and archives. Extensive shiftings and re-



adjustments have been necessary during the biennium in order to make more shelving available where it was most needed, but the possibilities of that expedient are about exhausted. Several thousand volumes of stock of the society's publications have been boxed and stored on girders in the unfinished part of the stack room, and the duplicates are crowded in boxes and on old wooden shelves at the bottom of the same space, which greatly increases the labor of sorting and listing them. The only remedy would seem to be the completion of the book-stacks, which were left unfinished when the building was erected. This would nearly double the available shelving and, at the present rate, would care for the increase in the library for a generation. If this is not provided for in the near future, the society will again have to resort to the expedient of storing parts of its library.

#### THE MANUSCRIPT DIVISION AND THE ARCHIVES

The work of accumulating the unprinted sources for the history of Minnesota and the Northwest has progressed more rapidly during the last two years than ever before, the total of accessions, ranging in extent from single documents to large collections, being 224. Among the notable acquisitions are papers of a number of prominent Minnesotans such as Colonel Hans Mattson, Governor Horace Austin, Congressman James A. Tawney, George A. Brackett, Richard Chute, Stanford Newel, and Professor Maria Sanford; records of various organizations such as the Minnesota diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Swedish Historical Society of America; calendars of the Sioux Claims Commission papers and other federal archives in Washington; photostats of the "Mackinac Register," containing correspondence of the American Fur Company from 1816 to 1823, of the papers of Alexis Bailly, and of other fur-trade material; several narratives of experiences in the Sioux Outbreak; and an extensive history of Company F of the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War, by James A. Wright.

The state archives in the custody of the society also have been greatly increased in bulk and in value by several transfers from offices in the Capitol. Practically all the non-current archives of the secretary of state's office, including valuable files of legislative papers and original census rolls, have now been transferred; and the same is true of the governor's archives and of those of the adjutant general with the exception of the Civil and Indian war records. A recent acquisition from the governor's office is a file of semi-official correspondence of the governors from Merriam to Lind inclusive. The records of the public safety commission and part of the bonus board records are now in the Historical Building in the custody of the war records commission, and will ultimately be turned over to the society.

During the summer of 1922 the curator of the division, in connection with her vacation and at her own expense, visited Montreal, Boston, and New York and examined certain collections in those cities believed to contain important material for Minnesota history. In Montreal she found many contemporary documents throwing a flood of light on the fur trade and trading posts in northern Minnesota during the period from 1780 to 1816 when the Northwest Company was operating in that region. In the Harvard library she looked over the Henry Villard papers and found a large part of them to relate to the building and financing of the Northern Pacific Railroad, a subject of distinct Minnesota interest. The most extensive collection examined consisted of papers and books of the American Fur Company in the library of the New York Historical Society. Here were found hundreds of letters dealing with the operations of the American Fur Company in Minnesota and incidentally many other subjects of Minnesota interest—letters which supplement the fur-trade material in the Sibley Papers and other collections in the possession of the society. Arrangements have been made for securing calendars or lists of the Minnesota material in some of these collections, and transcripts or photostats of the important

documents will ultimately be acquired so that they will be available to local students and for possible future publication.

The work of cleaning, pressing, arranging, and cataloguing the manuscripts and archives has made as much progress during the biennium as could be expected with the very limited amount of assistance available. The archives collections, especially, require a large amount of work before they can be available for convenient use for either historical or administrative purposes, and much additional cataloguing and calendaring of the other manuscripts is needed to make them fully serviceable. The more important of the non-archival material received during the biennium has been arranged, but several large collections acquired in the past are still unsorted and consequently practically unusable, and most of the archives have been shelved in about the condition in which they were received. The files of Senate and House bills from the office of the secretary of state have been arranged through 1887, however, and considerable progress has been made in the sorting of the miscellaneous papers from the governor's archives. The curator has recently made an inventory of the entire manuscript collection, which will be very useful to investigators. She has also edited and prepared for publication a number of important documents belonging to the society. One of these appeared in the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for September, 1922; another will be included in the February, 1923, issue of the *Minnesota History Bulletin*; and a number of others, consisting of Washington papers, will appear in the issues of the *American Historical Review* for April and July, 1923.

The total of the daily count of people using the manuscript collections in 1922, exclusive of the staff, is 341, as compared with about 250 in 1921 and 228 in 1920. Professors and students of history in the colleges and universities, newspaper men, and club members preparing papers constituted the bulk of the readers. During the last few months three candidates for the degree of doctor of philosophy in history have

been collecting material for their theses in the division. In fact, were it not for the manuscripts, together with the newspaper files and the general library of the society, research work in most fields of American history would be impossible anywhere in Minnesota.

It is evident, therefore, that the people of Minnesota are becoming aware of the value of the society's manuscript division both as a suitable depository for records and papers of historical interest and as a source of material for historical research. The growth of the collection and its increased use are creating a serious problem of space, however. Only a small part of the manuscripts can be kept in the room set aside for the division, the rest being shelved in the bookstacks some distance away; and additional space for workers and readers and for exhibits is badly needed. No remedy for this situation appears to be possible until the rooms now occupied by the department of education are available for use by the society. When that time comes it will be possible to assign to the division more adequate quarters equipped with a vault and adjacent to the bookstacks.

### THE MUSEUM

The society's museum, since its installation in the new building, has developed into a dynamic institution for the education and entertainment of large numbers of people and the collection and preservation of objects and pictures illustrating the life of the past. The accessions to the museum during the past two years have been extensive and very valuable. They number 681 objects classified as historical, 149 as archeological, 73 as ethnological, 3,409 as numismatic, and about 3,800 pictures. Among the most notable of the accessions are the Charles P. Noyes coin collection of over three thousand pieces, presented by Mrs. Noyes, and a fine oil painting of Father Hennepin, dated 1694, which was presented by Mrs. James J. Hill shortly before her death. As no portrait of Hennepin was hitherto known to exist, this is a very important contri-



bution to American history. Gifts of costumes and other material illustrating domestic life in the past have been especially numerous and valuable, and the society's collection in this field is probably unsurpassed in the West. The time has come when an active policy of collecting museum material should be substituted for the passive policy which has been all that has been possible heretofore, and it is hoped that it will be possible in the near future to institute campaigns and searches for specific material needed to round out the collections.

The work of classifying and making a complete inventory of the museum collections, which was begun several years ago, is now practically complete, and the system of records used makes it possible to locate articles with facility. The tremendous task of making a classified catalogue of the picture collection was also finished during the biennium, and it appears that the society possesses 15,348 pictures, of which number about six thousand are portraits. Most of the pictures are unframed, and these are kept conveniently in vertical files of varying sizes. The collection of framed pictures, however,—mostly oil, pastel, or crayon portraits,—numbers about four hundred; and, as less than half of them can be displayed on the walls at any one time, the problem of storage of those not on exhibition is a serious one. The construction of a mezzanine floor in the picture closet will help to relieve the congestion, but it is obvious that some restriction upon the acceptance of such pictures will have to be adopted in the near future.

The attractiveness of the museum has been greatly enhanced by the installation during the biennium of five new wall cases of a standard design. There is still need for much additional display equipment, however. Visitors to the museum frequently remark on the small amount of material exhibited as compared with that in other museums, and the reason for this is the lack of cases rather than of the material itself, much of which is stored in the closets. The valuable Charles P. Noyes coin collection, for example, must be kept in the vault until



special equipment is secured for displaying it with safety. An excellent lantern was added to the museum equipment in 1921 and has proved of very great value in connection with lectures and entertainments. By means of a reflectoscope attachment most of the pictures in the society's collection and even small objects and illustrations in books can be reproduced on the screen without the intervention of slides.

In addition to the more or less permanent exhibits, over sixty special exhibits were arranged and displayed for varying periods of time during the biennium. The most extensive of these consisted of selections of books, manuscripts, and pictures from the library of the Swedish Historical Society of America, which were displayed on three separate occasions—twice in connection with the annual meetings of that organization. An interesting variety of special exhibit was the costume shows which were held on the night of Washington's birthday in both years of the biennium. On these occasions selections from the society's costume collection were displayed on living models, and each of the performances was witnessed by about three hundred people—all that could be accommodated. The museum has also responded to many calls for the loan of pictures and other material to newspapers and commercial concerns for various uses. Thus selections from the costume collection were used for window displays in connection with anniversary celebrations of two department stores, one in St. Paul and one in Minneapolis. Full credit is always given to the society in such exhibits and also in the reproduction of pictures from its collection.

The number of visitors to the museum has been about the same as in the previous biennium—between twenty-five and thirty thousand a year. Many more people would undoubtedly be able to see the exhibits if the building were open evenings and Sunday afternoons; but so far the state department of public property, which has the custody of the building, has found it impossible to make the necessary arrangements. The use of the auditorium for meetings of various sorts brings

large numbers of people to the museum rooms and gives them opportunities to see the exhibits. About forty such meetings were held in 1921 and nearly fifty in 1922, and some of them were attended by several hundred people. A reception given by the Daughters of the American Revolution in the museum rooms in February, 1921, at which the state officers and the members of the legislature were guests of honor, was attended by nearly six hundred people. From April 17 to May 8, 1922, the auditorium was used by the Minnesota State Art Society for an exhibition of the work of Minnesota artists. A large number of the visitors to the museum come in classes or groups from schools and colleges, usually accompanied by teachers. The number of such classes taken through the rooms during the biennium was 273, with 9,597 students and teachers, and about a third of the classes were from schools outside of the Twin Cities. In many instances the study of the exhibits by these classes was supplemented by lantern talks by the curator.

#### PUBLICITY AND EXTENSION WORK

An historical society, if it is to fulfill the purposes of its existence, must not hide its light under a bushel. Mention has already been made of some of the ways in which the work of the Minnesota Historical Society and its possibilities for service are being brought to the attention of the people of the state. One very effective medium of publicity which has been developed is the monthly press bulletin entitled *Minnesota Historical News*, which is distributed to about three hundred papers in the state. This was started in November, 1921, and at first the editors paid little attention to it; but as time went on more and more of them began to clip it or to reprint it entirely. Time has not been available for making a thorough check of the papers, but it is certain that at least eighty papers, located in all parts of the state, are now using one or more of the articles each month. These articles, which are now prepared by the assistant superintendent, deal almost exclusively with Minnesota topics and are intended to disseminate accu-

rate historical information in attractive form. Many of them illustrate or explain the activities of the society, and most of the others contain some allusion to its collections or publications. A considerable number of stories relating to the activities or the acquisitions of the society have also been given publicity through Associated Press "releases," and special writers for the Twin City papers have drawn on the society extensively for material for feature stories. If this work is kept up it will not be long before most of the people of the state will at least know that there is a Minnesota Historical Society, and many of them will have acquired an interest in Minnesota history.

Another form of publicity, undertaken for the first time in 1922, was an exhibit at the state fair. This was installed as part of the exhibit of state departments and consisted of the old hand loom from the museum—to attract attention—and pictures, books, charts, and facsimiles of manuscripts and old newspapers—the idea being to illustrate the varied activities of the society rather than to present an historical exhibit. A souvenir postcard containing a picture of Red River carts on one side and some information about the society together with an invitation to visit the building on the other side was distributed to the many visitors to the booth and many questions were answered by the attendants. A traveling exhibit along somewhat similar lines is now being assembled and will be sent to various places in the state for display in public libraries or other suitable quarters.

Members of the staff are constantly giving information about the society and its work to visitors to the building, and some of them have opportunities to speak to various groups on the subject. During the spring of 1921 the superintendent spoke on the work and needs of the society before five different organizations, including the Minnesota Editorial Association, which has since published his remarks in its *Proceedings*. In September, 1921, he gave an address at a county fair at Madison on the history of the Lac qui Parle country and

the opportunity for local history work there, and on the way back he conferred with a number of citizens of Yellow Medicine County with reference to the expenditure of an appropriation for improving the grounds around the Wood Lake Monument. During 1922 he spoke on Minnesota history and the work of the society four times in Minneapolis and once each in St. Paul, Northfield, and St. Peter. The talk in St. Peter was at a picnic of the Blue Earth County Historical Society, the members of which drove to that place from Mankato to meet a party of fourteen people who drove down from the Twin Cities as a delegation from the Minnesota Historical Society.

The curator of the museum has addressed various groups, including the state convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, on topics of Minnesota history, and in October, 1921, he spent a week at Morris aiding in the installation of an historical museum in the new armory and in promoting a movement for a local historical society. The field secretary, in connection with visits to Faribault to secure the Episcopal collection, had an opportunity to arouse interest in historical work, both local and state, on the part of a number of people of that community. He also attended a reunion of "Old Boys" at Rochester and addressed the home-comers on the work of the society. The assistant superintendent, since he joined the staff in September, 1922, has given three talks in which the work of the society has been discussed.

An enterprise of an unusual sort undertaken by the society in 1922 was the exploration of the site of old Fort Charlotte, built by the British fur-traders nearly 150 years ago at the western end of the nine-mile trail which led from Grand Portage on Lake Superior to the Pigeon River above the cascades. The field agent of the society, accompanied by a representative of a Minneapolis paper, visited this region in July, traced the route of the portage, which was probably the first white man's road in Minnesota, and located the site of Fort Charlotte. Arrangements were then made for a thorough



examination and survey of the remains of this fort; and the task was undertaken by Mr. E. Dewey Albinson and Mr. A. C. Eastman, who were spending the summer in the vicinity. These men devoted several weeks to the work, without making any charge for their services, and succeeded in tracing the outlines of two large stockades and the foundations of over a dozen buildings. Mr. Albinson surveyed the lines and made an elaborate plat of them. Only a small amount of excavation was possible but this brought to light an old gun barrel and fragments of an iron kettle and of china dishes. In August the superintendent spent four days in the region and was convinced that, for both its historic and its scenic attractions, it should be made into a state park; also that further explorations and excavations should be undertaken, both at Fort Charlotte and on the site of the old post in Grand Portage, when opportunity offers.

In this connection attention may be called to a suggestion which has been made by Mr. Chase, the state auditor, for the establishment of a state department of parks to administer professionally a system of state parks selected with reference to historic as well as scenic attractions and including the memorials and markers erected in different parts of the state and now often neglected. The society has supplied Mr. Chase with information for use in a statement to the legislature which deals with the history and present status of state parks and memorials and contains suggestions for additional parks and the marking of historic sites.<sup>4</sup> Other activities of the society in connection with historic sites and trails includes the location and tracing of a number of old trails in St. Louis County and the preparation of an Indian name map of the county, which have been undertaken by Mr. Culin; and the compilation of a series of brief sketches of one hundred historic sites in Minnesota, with a view to offering it for publication, one sketch each day, in a number of papers of the state.

<sup>4</sup>Ray P. Chase, state auditor, *Statement to the Nineteen Hundred Twenty-three Legislature*.

## FINANCES

The expenditures of the society from state appropriations during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1921, and June 30, 1922, are shown in the following table:

	1920-21	1921-22
Total .....	\$25,000.00	\$40,000.00
Maintenance (salaries) .....	18,838.36	22,000.00
Contingent .....	6,161.64	18,000.00
Special services .....	351.10	2,847.28
Telegraph and telephone.....	113.48	158.92
Traveling expenses .....	54.86	246.65
Publications .....	1,672.86	4,657.15
Printing (except publications)	419.10	314.35
Freight, express, and drayage	270.22	281.55
Postage .....	245.16	581.28
Stationery and office supplies	258.33	1,367.13
Library supplies.....	30.65	109.31
Furniture and furnishings....	95.48	2,880.18
Books .....	1,992.20	2,714.73
Binding .....	448.95	1,638.27
Printed catalogue cards.....	209.25	203.20

Besides the state appropriation the society derives revenue from the interest on its permanent fund, the dues of members, and the sale of publications. All this revenue, with the exception of life membership dues, which are funded, is now used in carrying on the work, and it supplies a very material addition to the available resources. The expenditures from these revenues during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1921, and June 30, 1922, were as follows:

	1920-21	1921-22
Total .....	\$6,336.94	\$8,551.42
Salaries .....	4,763.80	6,525.00
Special services.....	799.21	1,771.92
Books .....	18.00	
Binding .....	534.00	
Miscellaneous .....	221.93	254.50

The needs of the society have been indicated in general in the course of this report. They include increases in the staff to take care of increased demands for services; more money for books, binding, and equipment; and provision for the completion of the bookstacks. The last legislature was asked for an appropriation of \$50,000 a year; it granted \$40,000, which represented a much appreciated increase over previous appropriations, but did not, as has been seen, meet the needs of the society. The budget for the biennium 1923-25, as submitted to the legislature, repeats the request for \$50,000 a year for the regular activities of the society. One-half of the proposed increase is asked for the maintenance fund in order that additional assistants may be employed, and this is imperative if the society is to meet the increased demands upon it for service, especially in the library. Books and other historical accumulations are of little value without an adequate staff to make them accessible, and other historical activities cannot be carried on efficiently without competent people to do the work involved. Moreover, material can be secured in large part by gift or exchange, as has been seen, but the acquisition and handling of it requires, in that case, even more work than is necessary with purchases.

A request is also preferred for a special appropriation of \$38,000 for the completion of the book and newspaper stacks. In this connection attention should be called to the fact that \$35,000 of the society's contribution from its private funds for the site and equipment for the building was spent for the purchase of land which was not used for the purpose and which still belongs to the state. While the building was being erected an opportunity presented itself to sell this land for \$40,000, and the legislature was asked to authorize its sale and the application of the proceeds to the equipment of the building. If this had been done, the stacks would have been completed at that time. The measure was defeated, however, on the ground that the state might sometime have need for the land. Since the money with which the land was purchased was contributed

to the society for historical purposes and the property is being held by the state for other purposes, it would seem to be but an act of justice for the state to compensate for it by an appropriation for the completion of the building.

If the \$50,000 a year requested for ordinary activities is appropriated, it will enable the society to continue effectively its work along present lines, but it will not make possible any expansion of its activities, such, for example as the publication of source material for the history of the state. Such enterprises will have to wait, apparently, for more prosperous times, or for more liberal contributions from private sources. The Wisconsin Historical Society received some years ago a bequest of over \$160,000, the income from which has enabled it to undertake to compile and publish a detailed and very valuable study of the settlement and development of every township in the state. The officers of the Minnesota Historical Society do not anticipate contributions of this size in the near future, but they do hope for substantial additions to the permanent fund of the society from members or others who wish to promote research and publication in the field of Minnesota history.



## APPENDIX



# BY-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

## OBJECTS

1. The objects of the society are defined in its charter and the amendments thereto.<sup>1</sup> Among its objects are the following: To collect, arrange, and preserve archives, records, and historical material, including books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, transcripts, paintings, and archeological and other objects and materials illustrative of and relating to the history of Minnesota and the Northwest in particular and of North America in general; to display such objects as are suitable therefore in the museum of the society; to publish material relative to and illustrative of the history of the state; and to perform such duties in connection with the administration of archives and the supervision of the making and preservation of public records as have been or may be imposed upon it by the laws of the state.

## MEMBERS<sup>2</sup>

2. The society shall be composed of honorary, corresponding, active, and institutional members.

3. Honorary members shall consist of persons distinguished for their literary or scientific attainments, particularly in the field of American history. Corresponding members shall be persons residing outside the state, who manifest an interest in the society and its objects, and are willing to aid it by representing it in their vicinity and procuring donations for its library and museum. Honorary and corresponding members may be elected by the executive council at any regular meeting thereof. Their admission must be moved by two members of the council and, if any member demand a ballot, the same shall be taken. Five negative votes shall be sufficient to exclude the person proposed. Honor-

<sup>1</sup>The charter and amendments may be found in the appendix to the *Twentieth Biennial Report*, 43-45.

<sup>2</sup>As amended April 11, 1921.

ary and corresponding members may attend all meetings of the society and take part in the discussions, but they shall not have the right to vote unless they are also enrolled as active members.

4. Active members shall be classified as patrons, contributing-life, life, sustaining, or annual members. All applicants for active membership shall be enrolled by the secretary upon receipt of the first payment of dues.

5. The contribution of one thousand dollars or more to the permanent fund of the society or annual contributions of fifty dollars or more shall entitle the contributor to be enrolled as a patron. Life members making annual contributions of five dollars or more, but less than fifty dollars, shall be enrolled as contributing-life members. Dues of life members shall be twenty-five dollars in advance; of sustaining members, five dollars per annum; of annual members, two dollars per annum; but anyone who has paid dues as a sustaining member for six successive years or as an annual member for twenty successive years shall be enrolled as a life member. Dues of sustaining and annual members shall be payable in advance on the first day of July in each year. Such members failing to pay their dues for one year after they become payable shall cease to be members upon notice by mail of such default, but shall be restored to membership upon payment of all arrearages of dues.

6. Institutional members shall be classified as permanent, sustaining, or annual institutional members. Any club, society, or association in Minnesota interested in any phase of the history of the state or any part of the state may, upon application and the payment of the first installment of dues, be enrolled as an institutional member; and as such it may be represented at all meetings of this society by one delegate with the right to vote and may make a report of its historical activities annually to this society.

7. Dues of permanent institutional members shall be one hundred dollars in advance; of sustaining institutional members, ten dollars per annum; of annual institutional members, two dollars per annum; but any sustaining institutional member which has paid an aggregate of one hundred and twenty dollars to the society, may, if desired, be enrolled as a permanent institutional member. Dues of sustaining and annual institutional members



shall be payable in advance on the first day of July in each year. Such members failing to pay their dues for one year after they become payable shall cease to be members upon notice by mail of such default, but shall be restored to membership upon payment of all arrearages of dues.

#### GOVERNMENT

8. The government of the society shall be vested in an executive council (as provided by the charter and its amendments) composed of the ex officio members, and thirty life members, to be chosen by ballot every three years at an annual meeting of the society.

9. All voting for members of the council shall be by ballot. Nominations may be made to the secretary previous to the triennial meeting, and shall be by him printed on a slip for the use of members in balloting. Members can vote only when present in person. All members nominated may be voted for on one ballot, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

10. The executive council shall have the control and regulation of the affairs of the society; and shall take all needful measures for its success and proper management.

11. There shall be an executive committee consisting of the president, the secretary, and the treasurer, and two other members of the council appointed by the president, of which committee the president shall be ex officio chairman. This executive committee shall have charge of and transact the business of the society under the direction and subject to the approval of the executive council.

#### OFFICERS

12. The officers of the executive council shall also be the officers of the society, and shall be as follows: a president, two vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer. These officers shall be elected by a majority of actual and individual ballots, at a meeting of the executive council held as soon as may be after the triennial meeting of the society, and shall serve for the term of three years, and until their successors are elected. No person shall be eligible for election to succeed himself as president.

13. If a vacancy shall occur in the executive committee, the council, or any of the offices of the society, it may be filled by the executive council, and the person so elected shall hold his office for the unexpired term of the person vacating the same.

14. The president, or in his absence, one of the vice presidents, or in their absence, a chairman pro tem, shall preside at all meetings of the society and the executive council. The president shall also appoint all committees authorized by the executive council or by the society, unless otherwise directed.

15. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the society, the council, and the executive committee. He shall be, ex officio, the superintendent of the society and as such shall, under the direction of the executive committee or the council, administer the library and museum of the society, conduct its correspondence, and edit its publications. He shall make a written report of the work of the society at its annual meetings and shall perform such other duties as the council or the executive committee shall direct.<sup>3</sup>

16. The treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the society, and disburse the same only on the order of the executive committee or the council, attested by the secretary. He shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duty in such sum as may be required and approved by the executive committee or the council. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and report the same in full to the society at its annual meetings, and to the executive committee or the council quarterly, or whenever so ordered.

#### MEETINGS

17. The annual meetings of the society shall be held on the second Monday succeeding the assembling of the legislature in years when a session is held, and in other years on the second Monday in January. Special meetings of the society, for any purpose, may be called by the president and shall be called by the secretary on the written request of ten members. Notice of all meetings of the society shall be mailed by the secretary to all active members at least five days before the date of the meeting.

<sup>3</sup>As amended April 12, 1920.

18. Active members in good standing shall have the right to participate in the business of the annual or other meetings of the society. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn.

19. The executive council shall hold a meeting as soon as may be after the adjournment of each triennial meeting of the society and other stated meetings on the second Monday in October and April in each year. Special meetings for any purpose may be called by the president and shall be called by the secretary on the written request of three members. Notice of all meetings of the council shall be mailed by the secretary to all members thereof at least three days before the date thereof.<sup>4</sup>

20. Ten members shall constitute a quorum of the executive council for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn.

21. The order of business at the meetings of the executive council, unless otherwise directed by vote of the council, shall be as follows:

- I. Calling the roll of members
- II. Reading of the minutes
- III. Announcement of donations
- IV. Reports of committees
- V. Unfinished business
- VI. New business
- VII. Reading of papers

#### AMENDMENTS

22. Amendments to these by-laws may be proposed in writing filed with the secretary by any five members of the executive council. The secretary shall notify all members of the executive council in writing of such proposed amendments and they may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the next regular or special meeting of the council; provided two weeks shall have elapsed after the sending of the notices.

23. All by-laws and rules for the government of this society or its council, not herein contained, are hereby abrogated.

<sup>4</sup>As amended April 12, 1920.

## NECROLOGY

During the two years covered by this report, the society has lost through death one honorary member, three corresponding members, and thirty-two active members. The following biographic sketches of these deceased members have been prepared by Dr. Warren Upham of the obituary committee.

### HONORARY

GEORGE FREDERICK WRIGHT, elected an honorary member on April 8, 1907, was born in Whitehall, New York, on January 22, 1838. He was graduated from Oberlin College in 1859 and from its theological seminary in 1862. For twenty years he was a Congregational pastor in Vermont and Massachusetts, and from 1881 to 1907 a professor in the theological seminary of Oberlin College. In the latter year he retired from active teaching and became professor emeritus. Greater opportunities for research resulted in the publication of many books and papers relating to glacial geology and archeology, among them *The Ice Age in North America and Its Bearings upon the Antiquity of Man*, which passed through six editions between 1889 and 1920. For the purpose of geological investigations, Professor Wright made extensive journeys in the United States, Canada, Alaska, and Greenland, as well as four visits to Europe. On a tour around the world in 1900 and 1901 he was accompanied by his son, Frederick Bennett Wright, who aided him in the authorship of *Asiatic Russia* (New York, 1902). For a number of years prior to 1914, he and his son were editors of the *Records of the Past*, an archeological journal published at the city of Washington. He died at his home in Oberlin, Ohio, on April 20, 1921.

### CORRESPONDING

JOHN PAGE NELSON, who was elected to corresponding membership on October 10, 1881, was born in Philadelphia on July 4, 1842, and died on March 8, 1922. He served during the Civil War in the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and attained the rank of brevet lieutenant colonel. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, chairman of the Gettysburg National Park Commission, and recorder-in-chief after 1885 for the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

LE BARON BRADFORD PRINCE, who was elected a corresponding member on January 13, 1913, was born in Flushing, New York, on July 3, 1840, and died there on December 8, 1922. He was graduated from the law school of Columbia University in 1866. From 1879 to 1882 he was chief justice and



from 1889 to 1893 governor of the Territory of New Mexico. During nearly forty years, from 1883 until his death, he was president of the New Mexico Historical Society. He was the author of *Historical Sketches of New Mexico* (New York, 1883), *Spanish Mission Churches of New Mexico* (Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1915), and many other books and magazine articles.

FREDERICK BENNETT WRIGHT, elected a corresponding member on January 12, 1914, was born in Andover, Massachusetts, on November 4, 1873, and died in the city of Washington on December 12, 1922. His graduation from Oberlin College occurred in 1897, after which he studied for two years at Johns Hopkins University. In 1901 and 1902 he accompanied his father on a tour around the world and afterwards shared with him the editorship of the *Records of the Past*, contributing many archeological articles and book reviews. During the World War he served for a time with the Young Men's Christian Association.

### ACTIVE

MRS. MARY BRIGGS AITON, who became an annual member on June 17, 1921, was born near West Union, Ohio, on June 17, 1836, and died at her home in Minneapolis on February 3, 1922. She came to Minnesota in April, 1852, and became a teacher of the Sioux in the mission school of the Reverend Thomas S. Williamson at Kaposia, on the site of South St. Paul. The school was removed in the autumn of that year to Yellow Medicine, where Mary Briggs continued in mission teaching for three years. On April 22, 1855, she was married to the Reverend John F. Aiton, who was also a missionary to the Sioux. In 1861, after his enlistment in the Ninth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, Mrs. Aiton removed to a farm six miles northwest of St. Peter; this was her home for fifty years. She was a member of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers' Association, and of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

CHARLES WILBERFORCE AMES, a life member of the society from November 14, 1904, and a member of its executive council from 1912 to 1918, was born in Minneapolis on June 30, 1855. Following his graduation from Cornell University in 1878, he assisted his father, the Reverend Charles Gordon Ames, for two years in editing the *Christian Register* of Boston. After 1882 he resided in St. Paul where he was successively secretary, general manager, and for many years president of the West Publishing Company. For twenty years previous to his death he was a trustee of Unity Church and from 1898 to 1914 a member of the St. Paul Public Library Board. In the years from 1906 to 1908, he helped found and organize the St. Paul Institute. During the World War he was active in war-relief service. He died in St. Paul on April 3, 1921. An excellent biographical memorial of him, accompanied by a portrait, is presented by Dr. Arthur Sweeney in the *Minnesota History Bulletin* for August-November, 1921.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ANDREWS, an annual member from 1860 until his election to life membership on March 13, 1876, and a member of the executive council from 1879 to 1885, was born in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, on October 27, 1829. He studied law in his native town, attended the Harvard law school, was admitted to the bar in Massachusetts in 1850, and began the practice of law at Newton Lower Falls in that state. In 1857 he came to Minnesota, settling at St. Cloud. In 1859 and 1860 he was a state senator, serving on the judiciary committee. During his service in the Civil War he became successively captain, lieutenant colonel, and colonel of the Third Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, brigadier general, and brevet major general. From 1869 to 1877 General Andrews served as United States minister to Sweden and Norway and from 1882 to 1885 as consul general to Brazil. He was editor and secretary of the state board of commissioners in charge of the publication of *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars, 1861-1865* (St. Paul, 1891-93), for which he wrote the chapter relating to his regiment. He was also editor and author of numerous other books and articles dealing with local history. In 1895 General Andrews accepted the office of chief fire warden of Minnesota, and from 1911 until his death he was secretary of the state forestry board. During many years he was a director of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce. His death occurred at his home in St. Paul on September 21, 1922.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS BRACKETT, who was elected to life membership on November 14, 1904, was born in Calais, Maine, on September 16, 1836. He came to Minnesota in 1857 and settled in St. Anthony, where he engaged in flour milling and railroad building. He was an organizer of the volunteer fire department and of the Lakewood Cemetery Association, and a member of the first park board. From 1890 to 1893 he was president of the Minneapolis Stock Yards and Packing Company. For twelve years thereafter, he was a contractor, building wagon roads and railroads in Alaska, and he thus aided greatly in the development of the Klondike gold region. After 1905 he again resided in Minneapolis, where he died on May 17, 1921.

HASCAL RUSSELL BRILL, enrolled as a sustaining member on February 15, 1916, and as life member on July 21, 1921, was born at Philipsburg in the Province of Quebec, Canada, on August 10, 1846, and died at his home in St. Paul on March 1, 1922. He came to Minnesota in 1859 with his parents, who settled on a farm near Kenyon. He attended Hamline University and the University of Michigan, studied law in St. Paul, and was admitted to the bar in 1869. From 1873 to 1875 he was probate judge of Ramsey County, in 1875 was appointed judge of the court of common pleas, and from 1876 until his death served as a judge of the second judicial district.

NEWELL H. CLAPP, who was elected a life member on December 11, 1899, was born in Waitsfield, Vermont, on January 27, 1850. He was educated in the public schools of Wisconsin. After his admittance to the bar on November 18, 1871, he practiced law successively in Hudson, Wisconsin,

Stillwater, and St. Paul. He served on the St. Paul charter commission in 1916. His death occurred in San Francisco on March 30, 1922.

EDWIN CLARK, who was elected to life membership on September 8, 1902, was born in Bridgewater, New Hampshire, on February 25, 1834, and died at his home in Minneapolis on April 27, 1922. He came to Minnesota in May, 1857, and settled in St. Anthony, where, in partnership with William A. Croffut, he founded the *Falls Evening News*, the first daily newspaper in Minnesota outside of St. Paul. From 1863 to 1865 he was a clerk in the national House of Representatives. During the next two years he was United States agent for the Chippewa in northern Minnesota. He was one of the founders of the village of Melrose, the builder of its first dam, mill, and store, and the proprietor of a large mercantile business there until 1893. He later resided in Minneapolis, where he was an insurance agent for several years, and from 1905 secretary of the Hennepin County Territorial Pioneers' Association.

OLIVER CROSBY, a life member since September 14, 1916, and after January 14, 1918, a member of the executive council, was born in Dexter, Maine, on January 29, 1856, and died in St. Paul on December 8, 1922. He was educated in the public schools and the Maine State College, from which he was graduated in 1876 as a mechanical engineer. In the same year he came to Minnesota, settling at St. Paul. In 1882 he opened a small machine shop; three years later the business here established was incorporated as the American Hoist and Derrick Company. This firm has expanded until the buildings and ground cover several city blocks, and its business includes branches in New York, Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco, and other cities.

NEIL CURRIE, who was enrolled as a sustaining member on April 24, 1916, was born in Lanark County in the Province of Ontario, Canada, on December 15, 1842, and died at his home in St. Paul, on August 5, 1921. He came to Minnesota in 1862 and ten years later he and his father founded the village of Currie, the first county seat of Murray County. He was for eighteen years the postmaster of the village, aided in organizing the Murray County Bank, and was clerk of the court from 1874 to 1887. After residing there for thirty-three years, he removed in 1905 to St. Paul, where he engaged in the real estate business, especially as purchaser of rights of way for the Northern Pacific Railway Company.

GEORGE HENRY DAGGETT was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, on April 6, 1852, and died at Wayzata on October 30, 1921. He came to Minnesota in 1889, settling in Minneapolis, where he became head of a firm engaged in grain dealing. In 1909 he removed to Medford, Oregon, and in 1914 to Los Angeles, California. After 1916 he resided again in Minneapolis. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and the Society of Colonial Wars. Mr. Daggett was elected to life membership in the Minnesota Historical Society on November 11, 1895, and was a member of its executive council from 1897 to 1912.

WILLIAM BLAKE DEAN, who was elected to annual membership on February 16, 1864, and to life membership on May 12, 1890, and who served as a member of the society's council from 1864 to 1868 and from 1889 to 1894, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on September 26, 1838. He was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh and at an academy in West Chester, Pennsylvania. He came to St. Paul in 1856 and entered the service of Nicols and Berkey, hardware dealers. In 1860 he succeeded Captain Peter Berkey as partner of John Nicols, and thus the firm of Nicols and Dean was formed. Mr. Dean was a director of the Great Northern Railway Company, of the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and of several local banks; he was a member of the library and school boards of St. Paul and of the National Association of Correction and Charities; and he served as a trustee of the Amherst H. Wilder Charity. From 1891 to 1894 he was a member of the state Senate; on February 3, 1893, he introduced a bill for the construction of a new capitol; and on April 7, after slight changes, this bill was enacted as the law under which the present capitol was planned and built. Mr. Dean died at his home in St. Paul on December 5, 1922. An address which he gave at one of the annual meetings of the society is published in volume 12 of the *Minnesota Historical Collections* under the title "A History of the Capitol Buildings of Minnesota, with Some Account of the Struggles for Their Location."

JEREMIAH CHESTER DONAHOWER was born near Reading, Pennsylvania, on January 21, 1837, and died in St. Paul on February 9, 1921. He came to Minnesota in 1855 and became a clerk with a wholesale grocery firm in St. Paul. From 1861 to 1864 he served in the Second Minnesota Volunteer Infantry as first lieutenant and later as captain of Company E. After the Civil War he engaged in banking at St. Peter, where he acted as assistant cashier of the First National Bank from 1871 to 1888. Mr. Donahower was United States marshal for the district of Minnesota from 1888 to 1896 and from 1904 to 1918 he was secretary for the Minnesota Soldiers' Home. He was elected an annual member of the society on February 8, 1904, and became a life member on January 20, 1908.

MICHAEL JOHN DOWLING, who was elected an annual member on January 11, 1904, a life member on December 11, 1905, and a member of the executive council on January 17, 1921, was born in Huntington, Massachusetts, on February 17, 1866, and died in St. Paul on April 25, 1921. He came to Minnesota at the age of twelve. Several years later, during a blizzard, he was so severely frozen that amputations were necessitated which would have disabled the average man. But Mr. Dowling succeeded in securing an education and becoming a useful citizen. For several years he taught school; then he founded and edited the *Renville Star-Farmer*; and later he became president of the Renville State Bank. His political career began in 1893, when he became first assistant clerk of the House of Representatives; in 1900 he was elected a member of the House, and in



1901 its speaker; and from 1895 to 1897 he was secretary of the National Republican League. In 1900 he represented the governor of Minnesota on an educational mission to the Philippine Islands. After 1902 his home was in Olivia, where he was president of a bank. During and after the World War, Mr. Dowling rendered distinguished service by addressing crippled soldiers in the United States, England, and France. In Minneapolis the Michael J. Dowling School for handicapped children and at Phalen Park in St. Paul an addition to the state hospital for crippled children perpetuate his name.

JOHN ESPY, who was elected to life membership on January 13, 1890, was born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, on September 21, 1842, and died at Clifton Springs, New York, on July 9, 1921. During the Civil War he served in the First Iowa Volunteer Infantry and attained the rank of major. He was graduated from the Albany Law School in 1866, and practiced law in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and after 1879 in St. Paul. From 1892 to 1909 he served on the executive council of the society.

CHARLES SUMNER FELLOWS was born in Bangor, Maine, on May 18, 1838, and died in Minneapolis on November 28, 1922. He was a grain dealer in Boston and Chicago from 1864 to 1888, when he came to Minneapolis and engaged in the real estate business and, after 1896, in the grain business. A manuscript genealogy of the Fellows family was compiled by Mr. Fellows, who was a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. His interest in microscopic research led him to join a number of scientific societies. He was elected to life membership in the Minnesota Historical Society on April 13, 1908.

ARTHUR JAY GILLETTE was born in Rice County, Minnesota, on October 28, 1863, and died in St. Paul on March 24, 1921. He studied at Hamline University for three years, was graduated from the St. Paul Medical College in 1886, and later attended the New York Polyclinic School. He began to practice surgery in St. Paul in 1888, and from 1897 until his death was professor of orthopedic surgery in the medical school of the University of Minnesota. In 1907 he founded the state hospital for crippled and deformed children at Phalen Park in St. Paul. He was enrolled as a life member of the society on September 6, 1916.

AMBROSE GUITERMAN was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 2, 1852, and died at his summer home at White Bear Lake on June 17, 1921. He came to Minnesota in 1872, settling in St. Paul, where he helped to found in 1883 the firm of Guiterman Brothers, manufacturers of men's clothing. He was elected a life member of the society on January 9, 1911.

BENEDICT JUNI was born in Berne, Switzerland, on January 12, 1852, and died at his home in New Ulm on February 17, 1922. When four years old, he came to the United States with his parents, who settled in Minnesota. After living at Mankato two years, they removed in 1858 to a farm near New Ulm. At the age of ten he was taken captive by the Sioux in the outbreak of 1862, and was held in captivity for seven weeks.



During thirty-four years he was a teacher in the public schools of New Ulm and other places in Brown County. He was elected an annual member of the society on January 9, 1911, and a life member on March 10, 1913.

CHARLES MORGRIDGE LORING, who was elected a life member on March 12, 1883, served as a member of the executive council of the society for twelve years, from 1885 to 1897. He was born in Portland, Maine, on November 13, 1833, and died at his home in Minneapolis on March 18, 1922. In 1860 he came to Minnesota and settled in Minneapolis, where he engaged in the mercantile business, flour milling, and other enterprises. Through official and other services during fifty years, Mr. Loring was largely responsible for the inception and development of the park system of Minneapolis. His "History of the Parks and Public Grounds of Minneapolis," read at a meeting of the society's council in 1912, is published in volume 15 of the *Minnesota Historical Collections*. The name of Central Park was changed to Loring Park in his honor. In 1919 Mr. Loring donated to the city 1,600 elms and a fund of \$50,000 for their perpetual maintenance—the trees to be planted along Victory Memorial Drive, which commemorates Minneapolis soldiers who gave their lives in the World War.

ALBERT RANDELL MOORE, who was enrolled as a life member of the society on February 14, 1918, was born in Brooklyn, New York, on September 14, 1869, and died in Paris, France, on July 18, 1921. He came to St. Paul in 1878 with his parents, and began his education in the public schools of this city. From 1887 to 1889 he attended Harvard University and in 1891 he was graduated from the law college of the University of Minnesota. Later he practiced law in St. Paul. In 1906 Mr. Moore represented Minnesota in the sixteenth annual conference of the Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars.

CYRUS NORTHPROP was born in Ridgefield, Connecticut, on September 30, 1834, and died at his home in Minneapolis on April 3, 1922. He attended Williston Seminary in Easthampton, Massachusetts, and was graduated from Yale College in 1857 and from its law school in 1859. From 1863 to 1884 he was professor of rhetoric and English literature in Yale University, and from 1869 to 1881 he also held the office of United States collector of customs for the New Haven district. He removed to Minnesota in 1884 to become president of the University of Minnesota. As the head of this institution he continued to serve until 1911, when he retired with the title of president emeritus. On the fiftieth anniversary of the society's organization, celebrated November 15, 1899, President Northrop presented a paper, "Education in the United States and in Minnesota during the Past Fifty Years," which is published in volume 9 of the *Minnesota Historical Collections*. A volume of his *Addresses Educational and Patriotic* was published in 1910. In 1919 and 1920 he contributed to the *Minnesota Alumni Weekly* a series of nine autobiographic papers, entitled "Reminiscences." Dr. Northrop was the moderator of

the National Congregational Council in 1889; he was for many years a director of the American Bible Society; and he served as president of the Minnesota branch of the American Peace Society. On February 9, 1914, he was enrolled as a sustaining member of the society and on August 4, 1920, as a life member.

CHARLES PHELPS NOYES, a life member from December 11, 1893, a member of the executive council from September 10, 1894, and president of the society from 1915 to 1918, was born in Lyme, Connecticut, on April 24, 1842, and died in St. Paul on April 30, 1921. He studied at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Massachusetts, from 1858 to 1860. During a part of the summer of 1863 he served as a member of the Twenty-second New York Volunteer Infantry. In 1868 he settled in St. Paul where he joined his elder brother, Daniel R. Noyes, in a wholesale drug firm. Mr. Noyes was an active member of the House of Hope Presbyterian Church. He was an organizer in 1911 of a St. Paul branch of the Archæological Institute of America, and was its president for the remaining ten years of his life. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, the Sons of the Revolution, and the Society of the War of 1812. A more extended biographic sketch of Mr. Noyes, by William W. Cutler, is published in the *Minnesota History Bulletin* for August-November, 1921.

FRANK LANGE RANDALL, who was elected an annual member on March 10, 1902, and a life member on September 12, 1904, was born at Fort Ridgely, Minnesota, on September 30, 1856, and died in Minneapolis on August 5, 1921. He was educated at St. John's College in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. From 1877 to 1880 he was superintendent of schools for Nicollet County. In the latter year he was admitted to the bar, and he practiced law in New Ulm and Winona for twenty years. He served as superintendent of the State Reformatory in St. Cloud from 1900 to 1912, when he resigned to become chairman of the Massachusetts Prison Commission; later he was also made director of prisons in that state; and for two terms he was president of the American Prison Association.

JOHN F. ROSENWALD, enrolled as an annual member of the society on May 11, 1911, and as a life member on March 10, 1913, was born in Pomerania, Germany, on June 3, 1859, and died at Revillo, South Dakota, on April 25, 1922. He came with his parents to the United States at the age of seven, and to Minnesota in 1878. In 1880 he settled on a farm in Lac qui Parle County. After 1890 he negotiated farm loans and sold real estate at Madison, of which city he was mayor for several terms. He was judge of probate for Lac qui Parle County from 1891 to 1899, during many years secretary of the county agricultural society, and in 1903 and 1909 a representative in the state legislature.

ROBERT CHANCELLOR SAUNDERS, elected a life member on March 13, 1905, was born in Campbell County, Virginia, on December 24, 1864, and died in St. Louis, Missouri, on January 31, 1922. He was graduated from the law department of the University of Virginia in 1889 and in the same year he began the practice of law in St. Louis. He came to Minnesota

in 1890 and was engaged on the editorial staff of the West Publishing Company in St. Paul; in the next year he settled at Hinckley, where he practiced law; and in 1899 when he was elected county attorney of Pine County, he removed to Pine City. Mr. Saunders left Minnesota to reside in Seattle, Washington, in 1907, and in 1918 he was appointed by President Wilson United States attorney for the western district of Washington. He served in this capacity until October, 1921.

HENRY LITTLE SIMONS, elected to life membership on February 10, 1902, was born near Glencoe, Minnesota, on December 20, 1859, and died at his home in that city on June 13, 1921. He was educated in the local public schools, engaged in the drug business at Glencoe from 1877 to 1892, was postmaster four years, and from 1896 until his death was president of the First National Bank.

JUSTIN MILLIAN SNESRUD, enrolled as an annual member of the society on October 26, 1921, was born in the township of Canisteo, Minnesota, near Kasson, on November 1, 1887, and died in Minneapolis on March 5, 1922. He was graduated from Red Wing Seminary, and was a teacher and superintendent of schools at Laporte from 1913 to 1919. During the next year he studied at the University of Minnesota, and from September, 1920, he was superintendent of the city schools in Ortonville.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON STOWELL, who was elected an annual member on September 10, 1906, and a life member on October 14, 1907, was born in West Windsor, Vermont, on July 26, 1840, and died at his home in Amherst, Massachusetts, on April 27, 1922. He was educated in the public schools of Boston. From 1858 to 1867 he was engaged as an importer; in 1868 he became collector of internal revenue for the fourth district of Virginia; and from 1871 to 1877 he represented that district in Congress. Mr. Stowell removed to Wisconsin in 1877, and during the next ten years was a paper manufacturer at Appleton. He came to Minnesota in 1887 and settled in Duluth. Here he was secretary and treasurer of the Duluth Iron and Steel Company and president of the Manufacturers Bank in West Duluth. Later he resided in St. Paul, then in Washington, D. C., and after 1914 in Amherst. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the New England Historic Genealogical Society. During the last twenty years of his life he worked on a genealogy of the Stowell family, which was published in 1922.

ALBERT HUGH TURRITIN was born in Kasota on July 12, 1874, and died in Minneapolis on October 1, 1921. He was graduated from the State Normal School at Mankato in 1894 and engaged in teaching until 1903, successively at Kasota, Motley, St. Clair, and Royalton. In the latter place he began his career as a banker, which was continued in several towns in Minnesota and South Dakota. He was state superintendent of banks from 1914 to 1917. In 1918 he removed to Minneapolis, where he was one of the organizers and the first president of the Lincoln National Bank. He was enrolled as a sustaining member of the society on October 13, 1913, and became a life member on November 13, 1918.

EMMA E. VOSE, who was enrolled as an annual member on March 12, 1912, and as a life member on March 13, 1917, died in St. Paul on July 12, 1922. She was an assistant from 1896 to 1915 in the library of the Minnesota Historical Society where she was employed mainly in making a large series of historical scrapbooks of selected items and articles from Minnesota newspapers. She came to Minnesota from her former home in Newton, Massachusetts.

HENRY WADSWORTH, elected an annual member on January 10, 1898, and a life member on September 8, 1913, was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on June 29, 1832, and died at his home in Glencoe on May 29, 1921. He was educated in an academy at Bethlehem, Connecticut, and in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University. In 1870 he came to Minnesota and settled at Glencoe, where he was a hardware merchant.

VICTOR MOREAU WATKINS, who was elected to life membership on January 10, 1898, was born in Newburgh, New York, on June 17, 1838, and died at his home in St. Paul on September 19, 1921. He was educated at the Newburgh Academy. In 1879 he came to Minnesota, settling in St. Paul and becoming a director of the Merchants National Bank. He also was the business advisor of Amherst H. Wilder and the executor of the latter's estate after his death in 1894. In 1903 Mr. Watkins became president of the Amherst H. Wilder Charity, which is supported by the income from nearly three million dollars, the bequests of members of the Wilder family.



## SOME RARE BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The auction sales of western Americana during the last two or three years have made it clear that the demand for copies of many books in this field greatly exceeds the available supply. The result has been a rapid and remarkable rise in prices. By using priced catalogues of these sales, it has been possible to ascertain the approximate commercial value of many rare books and pamphlets in the society's library. The thirty-three items in the following list have a total valuation, on this basis, of \$5,240.50. Possibly they might not bring quite that sum if sold at auction at the present time, but they might bring more, and certainly they could not be duplicated now for considerably more than the sum indicated. Their total cost to the society, so far as can be ascertained, has been \$81.11. Many of them were gifts, of course, but some of the most valuable items were purchased for a few dollars. This is by no means a complete list of rare items of great commercial value in the society's library; it is only a selection of those items which happen to have had their valuation established at seventy-five dollars or more during the last few years. There are hundreds of other items in the library which would bring equally high prices, should they be put on the market.

BRACKENRIDGE, H[ENRY] M. Early discoveries by Spaniards in New Mexico: containing an account of the castles of Cibola, and the present appearance of their ruins. Pittsburgh, Miner, 1857. 48 p.

Purchased in 1907 for \$1.50. A copy sold at auction in November, 1922, for \$105.00

CANFIELD, THOS. H. Northern Pacific Railroad—partial report to the board of directors, of a portion of a reconnoissance made in the summer of 1869, . . . between Lake Superior and the Pacific Ocean . . . accompanied with notes on Puget Sound, by Samuel Wilkeson, Esq., the historian of the expedition. For private circulation only. May, 1870. 96, 44 p., 2 maps.

One of a collection of books presented in 1921 by the estate of the late George A. Brackett of Minneapolis. A copy sold at auction in November, 1921, for \$145.00.

CLARK, C. M. A trip to Pike's Peak and notes by the way, with numerous illustrations; being descriptive of incidents and accidents that attended



the pilgrimage; of the country through Kansas and Nebraska; Rocky Mountains; mining regions; mining operations, etc., etc. Chicago, Rounds, 1861. ix, 135 p.

Purchased in 1882 for \$1.00. A copy sold at auction in November, 1921, for \$90.00.

COXE, DANIEL. A description of the English province of Carolana, by the Spaniards call'd Florida, and by the French, La Louisiane; as also of the great and famous river Meschacebe or Missisipi, the five vast navigable lakes of fresh water, and the parts adjacent . . . London, Symon, 1727. [54], 122 p.

Acquired before 1870; source and cost unknown. A copy sold at auction in November, 1922, for \$105.00.

[CUTLER, JERVIS.] A topographical description of the state of Ohio, Indiana Territory, and Louisiana, comprehending the Ohio and Mississippi rivers . . . and a concise account of the Indian tribes west of the Mississippi; to which is added, an interesting journal of Mr. Chas. Le Page, while a captive with the Sioux nation, on the waters of the Missouri River. Boston, Williams, 1812. 218 p.

Purchased in 1882 for \$10.00. A copy sold at auction in January, 1923, for \$80.00.

DIMSDALE, PROF. THOS. J. The vigilantes of Montana; or, Popular justice in the Rocky Mountains; being a correct and impartial narrative of the chase, trial, capture and execution of Henry Plummer's road agent band, together with accounts of the lives and crimes of many of the robbers and desperadoes, the whole being interspersed with sketches of life in the mining camps of the "Far West"; forming the only reliable work on the subject ever offered the public. Virginia City, M. T., Tilton, 1866. 226 p.

Presented by Nathaniel P. Langford in 1868. A copy sold at auction in January, 1923, for \$100.00.

DOBBS, ARTHUR. An account of the countries adjoining to Hudson's Bay, in the north-west part of America: containing a description of their lakes and rivers, the nature of the soil and climates and their methods of commerce &c.; showing the benefit to be made by opening a trade in these parts; whereby the French will be deprived in a great measure of their traffick in furs, and the communication between Canada and Mississippi be cut off . . . London, Robinson, 1744. 211 p., map.

Purchased in 1870 for \$5.50. A copy sold at auction in November, 1922, for \$78.00.

DUFLOT DE MOFRAS, [EUGENE]. Exploration du territoire de l'Orégon, des Californies, et de la mer Vermeille, exécutée pendant les années 1840, 1841 et 1842. Paris, Bertrand, 1844. 2 v. and atlas.

Purchased in 1889 for \$11.50. A set sold at auction in November, 1922, for \$210.00.

[EMERSON, C. L.] Rise and progress of Minnesota Territory, including a statement of the business prosperity of Saint Paul; and information in

regard to the different counties, cities, towns, and villages in the territory, etc., etc., St. Paul, Emerson, 1855. viii, 64 p.

Acquired many years ago, probably at the time of publication. A copy sold at auction in November, 1922, for \$170.00.

FIELD, DR. JOSEPH E. Three years in Texas including a view of the Texan revolution, and an account of the principal battles; together with descriptions of the soil, commercial and agricultural advantages, &c. Greenfield, Mass., Jones, 1836. 36 p.

Acquired many years ago; contains a dealer's price mark of \$1.00.

A copy sold at auction in November, 1921, for \$320.00.

FRY, F. Fry's traveler's guide, and descriptive journal of the great north-western territories . . . comprising the territories of Idaho, Washington, Montana, and the state of Oregon, with sketches of Colorado, Utah, Nebraska, and British America; the grain, pastoral, and gold regions defined, with some new views of their future greatness. Cincinnati, Appelgate, 1865. 264 p.

Purchased in 1903 for \$7.75. A copy sold at auction in November, 1921, for \$90.00.

HASTINGS, LANSFORD W. The emigrants' guide, to Oregon and California, containing scenes and incidents of a party of Oregon emigrants; a description of Oregon; scenes and incidents of a party of California emigrants; and a description of California; with a description of the different routes to those countries; and all necessary information relative to the equipment, supplies, and the method of traveling. Cincinnati, Conclin, 1845. 152 p.

Purchased in 1890 for \$3.75. A copy sold at auction in February, 1923, for \$520.00.

HAYWOOD, JOHN. The civil and political history of the state of Tennessee, from its earliest settlement up to the year 1796. . . . Knoxville, Heiskell and Brown, pr., 1823. 504 p.

Presented by James J. Hill in 1898; contains a dealer's price mark of \$60.00. A copy sold at auction in November, 1921, for \$92.50.

HENNEPIN, LOUIS. Voyage; ou, Nouvelle decouverte d'un tres-grand pays, dans l'Amerique, entre le Nouveau Mexique et la mer glaciale. Amsterdam, Braakman, 1704. [34], 604, [32] p., map.

Presented by Daniel A. Robertson prior to 1878. A copy of this edition sold at auction in November, 1922, for \$100.00.

JOHNSTON, WM. G. Experiences of a forty-niner by . . . a member of the wagon train first to enter California in the memorable year 1849. Pittsburgh, 1892. 390 p.

Purchased in 1912 for \$2.00. A copy sold at auction in March, 1922, for \$150.00.

LANGWORTHY, FRANKLIN. Scenery of the plains, mountains and mines; or, A diary kept upon the overland route to California, by way of the Great Salt Lake . . . in the years 1850, '51, '52, and '53. Ogdensburgh, Sprague, 1855. 324 p.

Acquired by exchange of duplicates with another library in 1919. A copy sold at auction in March, 1922, for \$87.50.

LEA, LIEUTENANT ALBERT M. Notes on the Wisconsin Territory; particularly with reference to the Iowa district, or Black Hawk purchase. Philadelphia, Tanner, 1836. 53 p., map.

Acquired many years ago; source and cost unknown; contains a dealer's price mark of \$1.25. A copy sold at auction in May, 1920, for \$80.00.

LEWIS, H[ENRY]. Das illustrierte Mississippithal, dargestellt in 80 nach der Natur aufgenommenen Ansichten vom Wasserfalle zu St. Anthony an bis zum Golf von Mexico . . . nebst einer historischen und geographischen Beschreibung der den Flusz begränzenden Länder, mit besonderer Rücksicht auf die verschiedenen den obern Mississippi bewohnenden Indianerstämme . . . nach dem engl. Original-Text von H. Lewis deutsch bearbeitet von George B. Douglas. Düsseldorf, Arnz and Company, 1858. 431 p.

Purchased in 1893 for \$4.61. No other copy with exactly the same title-page has been located. A copy of a more common edition sold at auction in March, 1922, for \$205.00.

MANTE, THOMAS. The history of the late war in North America, and the islands of the West-Indies, including the campaigns of MDCCLXIII and MDCCLXIV against His Majesty's Indian enemies. London, Strahan and Cadell, 1772. viii, 543 p., 18 maps.

Presented by James J. Hill in 1897; contains a dealer's price mark of \$175.00. A copy sold at auction in November, 1922, for \$375.00.

[MERRILL, DANIEL D.] The northern route to Idaho: and the Pacific Ocean. St. Paul, Merrill, [1864] 8 p., map.

The map, which is the important part of this pamphlet, was compiled by C. A. F. Morris and lithographed by Louis Buechner, St. Paul. It is known by collectors as "the rubber stamp map," because of additions made after printing. The work was printed by D. Ramaley and it was sold at \$1.25. The society's copy was purchased in 1909 for \$2.50. A copy sold at auction in February, 1923, for \$230.00.

MINNESOTA TERRITORY. Rules for the government of the Council of Minnesota Territory, and joint rules of the Council and House, adopted at a session of the legislature, commenced September 3, 1849. St. Paul, Goodhue, pr., 1849. 15 p.

Believed to be the first book or pamphlet printed in Minnesota. The society's copy was probably acquired soon after publication and without cost. A copy sold at auction in November, 1922, for \$115.00.

PATTIE, JAMES O. The personal narrative of . . . during an expedition from St. Louis, through the vast regions between that place and the Pacific Ocean, and thence back through the city of Mexico to Vera Cruz, during journeyings of six years . . . together with a description of the country, and the various nations through which they passed; edited by Timothy Flint. Cincinnati, Flint, 1833. 300 p.

Purchased in 1882 for \$5.00. A copy sold at auction in March, 1922, for \$85.00.

PITTMAN, PHILIP. The present state of the European settlements on the Mississippi; with a geographical description of that river, illustrated by plans and draughts. London, Nourse, 1770. viii, 99 p.

Acquired many years ago; source and cost unknown; contains a dealer's price mark of £4-15. A copy sold at auction in November, 1922, for \$95.00.

REYNOLDS, JOHN. My own times, embracing also, the history of my life. [Belleville,] Illinois, Perryman and Davison, pr., 1855. 600, xxiv p.

Presented by Captain Russell Blakeley before 1878. A copy sold at auction in March, 1922, for \$95.00.

REYNOLDS, JOHN. Sketches of the country, on the northern route from Belleville, Illinois, to the city of New York, and back by the Ohio Valley; together with a glance at the Crystal Palace. Belleville, Willis, pr., 1854. 264 p.

Presented by James J. Hill in 1898; contains a dealer's price mark of \$24.00. A copy sold at auction in November, 1921, for \$250.00.

RUSSELL, OSBORNE. Journal of a trapper; or, Nine years in the Rocky Mountains, 1834-1843; being a general description of the country, climate, rivers, lakes, mountains, etc., and a view of the life led by a hunter in those regions. [Boise, Idaho, Syms-York Company,] 1914. 109 p.

Purchased from the publisher in 1915 at \$2.50. A copy sold at auction in March, 1922, for \$75.00.

[SCANTLEBURY, THOMAS.] Wanderings in Minnesota during the Indian troubles of 1862. Chicago, Calhoun, pr., 1867. 32 p.

Presented in June, 1920, by Mrs. Joseph W. Hambleton, a sister of the author. A copy was offered by the Rosenbach Company of Philadelphia, dealers in secondhand books, a few years ago at \$85.00. The society also possesses the original manuscript of the work.

SHERWOOD, J. ELY. California: her wealth and resources; with many interesting facts respecting the climate and people; the official and other correspondence of the day, relating to the gold region; Colonel Mason's report . . . New York, Nesbitt, 1848. 40 p.

Purchased in 1891 for \$2.50. A copy sold at auction in January, 1923, for \$125.00.

[SNELLING, WILLIAM J.] Tales of the Northwest; or, Sketches of Indian life and character; by a resident beyond the frontier. Boston, Hilliard, etc., 1830. viii, 288 p.

Presented by Captain Russell Blakeley before 1878. A copy sold at auction in November, 1921, for \$82.50.

TAYLOR, JAMES W. Northwest British America, and its relation to the state of Minnesota; a report communicated to the legislature of Minnesota by Governor Ramsey, March 2d, and ordered to be printed. St. Paul, Newson, etc., pr., 1860. 42 p.



Included in a scrapbook presented by Mrs. Ignatius Donnelly in 1901. A copy sold at auction in March, 1922, for \$75.00. The society possesses also another edition of this pamphlet, "Printed as a Supplement to the Journal of the House of Representatives, Session of 1859-60" (St. Paul, Newson, *etc.*, 1860. 54 p.).

TAYLOR, JAMES W. The railroad system of the state of Minnesota, with its railroad, telegraphic and postal connections; reported to the common council of the city of St. Paul, March 31, 1859, in pursuance of a resolution of the council, and ordered to be printed. St. Paul, Pioneer Printing Company, 1859. 24 p.

Acquired many years ago, possibly as a gift from the author at the time of publication; a second copy was received in 1920 as a gift from the estate of William G. Le Duc. A copy sold at auction in February, 1923, for \$160.00. The society has also a copy of an earlier edition of the same year (St. Paul, Moore, *pr.*, 1859. 22 p.).

TAYLOR, JAMES W. The Sioux War: what shall we do with it? The Sioux Indians: what shall we do with them? A reprint of papers communicated to the St. Paul Daily Press, in October, 1862. St. Paul, Press Printing Company, 1862. 16 p.

Source unknown; probably received with the author's papers, which were presented in 1893. A copy sold at auction in November, 1922, for \$165.00.

TAYLOR, JAMES W. The Sioux War: what has been done by the Minnesota campaign of 1863; what should be done during a Dakota campaign of 1864; with some general remarks upon the Indian policy, past and future, of the United States. St. Paul, Press Printing Company, 1863. 16 p.

Source unknown; probably received with the author's papers, which were presented in 1893. A copy sold at auction in November, 1921, at \$195.00.

WILKES, GEORGE. The history of Oregon, geographical and political, embracing . . . an account of the present condition and character of the country, and a thorough examination of a project of a national railroad, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean; to which is added a journal of the events of the celebrated emigrating expedition of 1843 . . . New York, Colyer, 1845. 128 p., map.

Purchased many years ago for \$2.75. A copy sold at auction in January, 1923, for \$135.00.

WISCONSIN [TERRITORY]. Journal of the Council of the first legislative assembly of Wisconsin, begun and held at Belmont. Belmont, Clarke, *pr.*, 1836. 104 p.

The society has a complete set of the journals of both houses of the legislature of Wisconsin Territory, received from the Wisconsin State Library in 1917 in exchange for duplicates. A copy of this item alone sold at auction in January, 1923, for \$160.00.



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